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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.